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Dear Sir:

Since the present application is a divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.60, it is Applicants' understanding that all of the references previously of record in the parent application, Serial No. 08/541,667, filed October 10, 1996, and in the parent divisional application, Serial No. 08/974,093, filed November 19, 1997, are now also of record in the present divisional application. Applicants' attorney has listed the references on the attached copy of PTO FORM 1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), a copy of any patent or publication listed is not required to be provided if it was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in a prior application, provided that the prior application is properly identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 1.20. The references cited on the

attached PTO-1449 form were submitted to the Patent Office during the prosecution of application Serial No. 08/541,667, filed October 10, 1996 and of application Serial No. 08/974,093, filed November 19, 1997. The present application is a divisional of patent application Serial No. 08/974,093, filed November 19, 1997, which is a division of patent application Serial No. 08/541,667, filed October 10, 1996. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention herein to the references previously of record in such parent applications and now of record herein.

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from each of these references. The above references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to effect this communication or to maintain pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-2548. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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